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SUBJECT: RUSSIAN DEPUTY PERMREP WILL ATTEND SOMALIA PIRACY MEETING

REF: A. State 1223; B. State 1225 (SBU) Post passed reftel information to Russian MFA's North America and Legal Departments, and received a response that Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Iliya Rogachev and Russian UN Mission's Senior Advisor Gennadiy Kuzmen will represent the Russian government at the January 13-14 meetings of the Contact Group on Somalia Piracy. It would appear that the Russian MFA has yet to decide on a lead department for the piracy issue. **BEYRLE**